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Van Woerkom's Bill to Create New Agricultural Renaissance Zones Passes Senate

Senate Bill 163 builds on the success of current zones

LANSING – Legislation to create ten additional Agricultural Renaissance Zones sponsored by Senator Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores, today was passed by the Senate.

“Increasing the number of Agricultural Renaissance Zones will help West Michigan farmers cultivate the state’s second largest industry, agriculture, and provide farmers with the proper tools to maintain family farms and agricultural businesses in the long run through the exemptions of local and state taxes.”

Van Woerkom, Chairman of the Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism Committee sponsored SB 163 to increase the number of Agricultural Renaissance Zones from ten to twenty.

Agricultural Renaissance Zones exempt qualified agriculture processors who want to expand or create new businesses in Michigan from all state and local taxes for up to fifteen years.

SB 163 will now be considered by the House of Representatives.